


REMARKS

Claims 10, 20, 22, and 26 through 35 are currently in the case. Claims 1, 2, 5, 24 and 25 have been canceled. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file continuation applications directed to the subject matter not currently being pursued. In the office action dated May 19, 2004, the Examiner indicated that Claims 10, 20, 22 and 26 through 35 are allowed. Applicants have amended Claims 27, 28, 29, 31, 32 and 33 to correct the dependencies. Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter is being added.

Applicants respectfully contend that the Examiner's rejections have been addressed and obviated by the above amendments. Applicants also respectfully contend that Claims 10, 20, 22 and 26-35 are allowable and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a telephonic communication will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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